(c) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mathematics paper in Maharashtra Board

4133. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the decision of the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Education that 15 marks would be given to all students for question number 6 in all the four sets of algebra and geometry papers in the ongoing SSC examination after complaints of students;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether Government have issued any advice to the State Government of Maharashtra in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government have taken any steps for making maths more innovative, interesting and application based for secondary and higher secondary levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per information furnished by Government of Maharashtra, after the Class-X mathematics paper-I (Algebra) and paper-II (Geometry) examination of Maharashtra State Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education held on 20th and 21st March, 2007 respectively, representations were received about the difficulty levels of the question papers. After examining the representations it was decided to accord 15 marks each to all students for the D level questions in all sets in paper-I and paper-II.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above, does not arise.

(e) According to information received from the State Government of Maharashtra, new syllabi have been introduced for classes IX and XI from 2006-07 and are scheduled for introduction for classes X and XII from 2007-08 based on National Curriculum Framework. Importance has been given to application of knowledge with inclusion of commercial mathematics.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has introduced mathematics laboratories in CBSE affiliated schools to make students understand mathematical concepts through activities and project work.

Raising Funds for University of Mumbai

4134. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission has sought clarifications from the University of Mumbai about its plan for raising funds through an IPO;

(b) whether these clarifications have been sought as the university is recognized by an Act of the State Legislature and is wholly funded by the State and Central Government:

(c) whether the university has decided to explore the idea of going public in order to raise funds to improve its infrastructure; and

(d) if so, whether the University Grants Commission has been fully satisfied with the clarifications given by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The University of Mumbai is a State University, eligible to receive Central grant under Section 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956.

(c) The University has not replied to the clarifications sought by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

(d) Does not arise.